

Humbly offered against Imposing any further Duty upon Foreign *S A F L O W E R* Imported.

SAflower is a Commodity, without which, *Scarlets, Carnations, Rose and Pink-colours* Incarnadye cannot be Dyed.

There is not above 2000 *l.* weight or thereabouts, growing in *England*, yearly. *English Safflower* will not Dye those Beautiful Colours, for Dying whereof *England* is famous throughout the World, and do serve *France, Spain, Italy, Holland* and *Germany*, with great quantity of Ribbons of those colours.

In making whereof the Silk Trade and Manufacture is encouraged; Merchants, Silkmen, Dyers, Weavers, Silk-Throwers and Winders, receive an Employ and benefit by it.

Whereupon, from *Germany* and other parts, about 60000. weight is yearly imported, which is the product of our *English* Manufacturies of Silk and Worsted Hosiery; Stuffs, Serges and other the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation; all which pay the King a duty of Custom.

This *Safflower* when Imported; is all expended in *England*, in our *English* Manufacture, and occasions the expending great quantities of Vinegar, Beer, Sops of all sorts, Pot-ashes, Juice of Lemmons, and Lime juice, and divers other Commodities, all of which pay the King a duty of Custom.

If a further duty be laid upon Foreign *Safflower*, it will hinder the Importation, the Commodity not being able to bear a higher Imposition, if not imported, the Dying Trade is destroyed, (howbeit there should be sufficient of that Commodity for the future planted in *England* yearly, to Dye withal) for that the same will not Dye so clear, Beautiful and Strong Colours as Foreign; the consequence will be that *Lions* in *France* and other parts that are now vying with *England*, who shall Dye the most full and beautiful Colours will exceed *England*; And then what followeth, but that *England* must be supplied from *France* and *Holland*, with those very Commodities which now, are to the enriching of our own People made in *England*, and transported into *France* and *Holland*, and when once the *English* Dye is brought out of repute, it will hardly ever be brought into esteem again.

The duty on *Safflower* already is 5 *sh.* per Hundred.

The further duty intended is as much.

This for 60000 pound weight comes not to above 135 pound *per an.* to the King, and if 150 *l.* imposed will prevent the King of ten times as much Custome, in expending less of other Commodities, that pay the King a Custome, destroy many Families, and lessen the Exportation of our own Manufacture.

And it is humbly conceived will be of advantage to no Person unless one Mr. *Eustis Barnaby*, who hath got a Patent for the sole planting of *Safflower* in *England*, and would have had the Dyers joyned with him in it, but they cannot, because it will absolutely destroy their Trade, and Trade of many others.

And for that it may be said that the gathering of *Safflower* will employ many People at work. It is answered that it may do so for a Moneth in a year, but then it would take off from the employment of ten times as many others who are all the year long employed in the making of those Manufactures which are Exported; the product of which, *Safflower* is.


Besides, in *Germany* it is gathered for 1 *d.* or 2 *d.* a day; in *England* none will work under 8 *d.* no man can gather above one or two pounds a day, and this would (though the Commodity be worse than Foreign) make it much dearer, whereby Foreigners will not onely Dye better, but sell their Commodity Cheaper than *English* men can afford.

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